

Cisneros, Arturo

From: Cisneros, Arturo
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 3:05 PM
To: Kamke, Sherry
Subject: FW: Greetings from Chicago--contacted by news media re: an explosion in western suburbs of Chicago relating to a LUST?

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	Kamke, Sherry	Succeeded: 10/24/2017 3:34 PM

FYI

This may be nothing (i.e., glitch?) but I can't seem to find this Westmont Speedway in the OSFM web site. I wanted to see when it was last inspected.

From: Cisneros, Arturo
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 2:59 PM
To: 'Schneller, Fred' <Fred.Schneller@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Scott <Scott.Johnson@Illinois.gov>
Subject: RE: Greetings from Chicago--contacted by news media re: an explosion in western suburbs of Chicago relating to a LUST?

Do you have the facility number for this Speedway #7445? I can't seem to find it in your website. Thanks.

From: Schneller, Fred [<mailto:Fred.Schneller@Illinois.gov>]
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 3:57 PM
To: Greg Dunn <greg.dunn@illinois.gov>; Cisneros, Arturo <cisneros.arturo@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Greetings from Chicago--contacted by news media re: an explosion in western suburbs of Chicago relating to a LUST?

Arturo:

They are continuing to pump from the monitoring well between the tank field and the sewer. LELs are way down from the dangerous level they were at on Friday. OSFM had 2 inspectors and Scott Johnson on scene for most of Friday, and IEPA ERU had at least one investigator who had contacted me at the onset of the response which began following the explosion in the apartment that injured an occupant Friday morning. OSFM checked on the situation on Saturday, and the inspectors and Scott Johnson are back in Westmont today. Liquid removal, introduction of emulsifiers and flooding the sewers has been done continually for days to reduce and eliminate the vapors and free product. The investigation

into the details of the incident are still ongoing. As Greg said, the tanks are emptied, which was done Friday, and the last I heard the amount of liquid pumped out is now over 100,000 gallons.

Fred

From: Dunn, Greg

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 3:01 PM

To: Cisneros, Arturo <cisneros.arturo@epa.gov>; Schneller, Fred <Fred.Schneller@Illinois.gov>

Subject: RE: Greetings from Chicago--contacted by news media re: an explosion in western suburbs of Chicago relating to a LUST?

Arturo,

The leak came from one of the on-site gasoline tanks and found its way into the sewer system. The gas station has removed all the product out of the tanks and they have begun remediation efforts to reduce the amount of gasoline in the sewer system. At least 60,000 gallons of a gas/water mixture has been removed from the sewer system and the Illinois EPA is in contact with the consultant for the site to continue remediation efforts.

Greg

From: Cisneros, Arturo [<mailto:cisneros.arturo@epa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 2:39 PM

To: Schneller, Fred <Fred.Schneller@Illinois.gov>; Dunn, Greg <Greg.Dunn@Illinois.gov>

Subject: [External] FW: Greetings from Chicago--contacted by news media re: an explosion in western suburbs of Chicago relating to a LUST?

Hi Fred & Greg,

We received the below string of email from OUST about an incident, in Westmont. Do you have any additional information on the specifics of this incident that we can share to OUST? Thank you.

Arturo

From: Anderson, Will

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 2:33 PM

To: Kamke, Sherry <Kamke.Sherry@epa.gov>; Cisneros, Arturo <cisneros.arturo@epa.gov>

Cc: Walker, Tom <Walker.Tom@epa.gov>; Ellenberger, Karen <Ellenberger.Karen@epa.gov>

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Sherry & Arturo,

Hi. Just wanted to make you aware of the contact below and the underlying incident the reporter is asking about.

When OUST receives inquiries from the media, we route them through the press office and wait to hear back from them.

Will

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From: Walker, Tom
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 2:43 PM
To: Ellenberger, Karen <Ellenberger.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Anderson, Will <Anderson.Will@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Greetings from Chicago

Hi Karen. How do I even begin to respond to this?

Do we tell the news station we don't have a national database with that kind of specific information and refer them to R5? Do we refer to the larger EPA communication office? Your guidance in this matter is greatly appreciated. - Tom

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From: Goudie, Chuck (WLS-TV) [<mailto:Chuck.Goudie@abc.com>]
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To: Walker, Tom <Walker.Tom@epa.gov>
Cc: Ellenberger, Karen <Ellenberger.Karen@epa.gov>
Subject: Greetings from Chicago

Mr. Walker-

I'm looking for some information for a follow up report on the explosions/fires in the western Chicago suburbs last week caused by a leaking gasoline station underground tank. From Illinois EPA records it appears that the Speedway gas station #7445 at 6241 S. Cass Avenue in Westmont, Illinois was in state remediation for previous leak violations.

We are hoping for current federal data on the number of Illinois leaks and whether there is a breakdown by locations, companies, current status, etc.

Many thanks,

Chuck Goudie



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